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scheduled for the House floor

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SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) ***A Bill to Facilitate Shareholder Consideration of Proposals to Make Settlement Common Stock Under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Available to Missed Enrollees, Eligible Elders, and Eligible Persons Born After December 18, 1971, and for Other Purposes*** (S. 449). 

This bill amends the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act that made available stock in Alaska Native corporations only to eligible Alaska Natives born after December 18, 1971, and their descendants. This bill is not expected to have a significant impact on the budget, and it does not affect direct spending or revenue.

2) ***Act Commemorating the LITE, or Lifetime Innovations of Thomas Edison*** (H.R. 1096). 

This bill redesignates the Edison National Historic Site in New Jersey as the Thomas Edison National Historical Park. This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

3) ***French Colonial Heritage National Historic Site Study Act of 2005*** (H.R. 1728). 

This bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing an area of historical houses in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System. Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, the Congressional Budget Office [CBO] estimates that carrying out the proposed study would cost about \$200,000 over the next three years. This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

4) ***Recognizing the Creation of the NASCAR-Historically Black Colleges and Universities Consortium*** (H.Res. 677). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

5) ***Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Texas Western's 1966 NCAA Basketball Championship and Recognizing the Groundbreaking Impact of the Title Game Victory On Diversity In Sports and Civil Rights in America*** (H.Res. 668). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

6) ***Louis Braille Bicentennial—Braille Literacy Commemorative Coin Act*** (H.R. 2872). 

This bill directs the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue \$1 coins emblematic of the life and legacy of Louis Braille. The bill authorizes the Secretary to issue such coins only during 2009 and subjects all coin sales to a surcharge of \$10 per coin. CBO has not prepared an official cost estimate for this measure, but informal discussions indicate that the bill will have no significant impact on the Federal budget.

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7) **To Authorize the President to Award a Gold Medal On Behalf of the Congress, Collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in Recognition of Their Unique Military Record, Which Inspired Revolutionary Reform in the Armed Forces** (H.R. 1259). 

This bill directs the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate to make appropriate arrangements for the presentation, on behalf of Congress, of a gold medal collectively to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record. CBO has not prepared an official cost estimate for this measure, but the bill authorizes the appropriation of \$30,000 for the medal and authorizes the sale of duplicate bronze medals to cover this cost. Based on this language, the bill should not affect direct spending or revenue.

8) **Raising Awareness and Encouraging Prevention of Stalking by Establishing January 2006 as "National Stalking Awareness Month"** (H.Con.Res. 316). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

9) **Honoring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor** (H.Res. 357). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

10) **Honoring and Praising the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People On the Occasion of Its 97th Anniversary** (H.Con.Res. 335). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

11) **USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments Act of 2006** (S. 2271). 

This bill amends the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 [FISA] to allow a person receiving a production order (an order from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] or his designee [Director] to produce any tangible thing, such as a book, document, or record) to challenge its legality by filing a petition using specified procedures. The bill also contains certain identity disclosure requirements and exceptions. At the time of publication, a formal cost estimate was not available, but enacting this legislation is not expected to increase direct spending or reduce revenues.

LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

Bill: **National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005** 

Committee: Energy and Commerce

Summary: This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act [FFDCA] to prohibit any state or political subdivision from establishing or continuing in effect for any food in interstate commerce any requirement that is not identical to specified FFDCA provisions, or any notification requirement that provides for a warning concerning the food's safety that is not identical to FFDCA provisions. States are permitted to petition the Secretary of Health and Human Services for an exemption or permission to establish a national standard regarding any requirement under FFDCA or the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act relating to food regulation. The bill allows an exception for requirements that would otherwise violate FFDCA provision under certain circumstances such as cases of an imminent

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health hazard. It does not preempt certain state and local laws relating to labeling or a consumer advisory relating to food sanitation from the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Cost: At the time of publication, a formal cost estimate was not available, but the bill if enacted is not expected to increase direct spending or reduce revenues.

Budget Act: This bill is not expected to violate any provisions of the Congressional Budget Act.